

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 72  
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Melissa Burniston upon winning first place in Diversified Horticulture Proficiency at the 75th National Future Farmers of America Convention.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Melissa Burniston of Johnson County, who placed first in the nation in Diversified Horticulture Proficiency at the 75th National Future Farmers of America Convention, marking the first time that a student from her community has ever won such an award; and

WHEREAS, in order to earn this distinction, Melissa Burniston most astutely determined and implemented the best-management practices available in order to efficiently manage a supervised agriculture experience program that includes two or more proficiency areas; and

WHEREAS, her supervised agriculture experience included landscape management and nursery operations; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Championship selection process, Melissa Burniston endured a judging process that included an in-depth written application and an interview at the National Convention; and

WHEREAS, as part of her award, Melissa Burniston received an all-expenses-paid trip to Costa Rica, where she will study the agricultural practices of that country; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in Horticulture Proficiency, Melissa Burniston was also a member of the National Finalist Agricultural Sales Team, the first team from Johnson County ever to compete in this event; and

WHEREAS, with fellow teammates Karen Cornett, Timbra Huffman, and Chris Snyder, Melissa Burniston received the Bronze Award in this category, having given both individual and team sales presentations, completed a written exam, and competed in an individual practicum; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Burniston was additionally rewarded with an individual Silver Award in the event; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Burniston epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Melissa Burniston for her enthusiasm, integrity, and dedication to excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Melissa Burniston on her first place finish in Diversified Horticulture Proficiency, and, with her teammates, the Bronze Award in Agricultural Sales, as well as the individual Silver Award in that same category, at the 75th National Future Farmers of America Convention, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.